

# PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

NOBUKO YAMAMOTO ET AL.

Application No.: 09/942,588

Filed: August 31, 2001

For: **SCREENING METHOD FOR  
GENE VARIATION**

Examiner: Jeffrey Siew

Group Art Unit: 1637

March 19, 2004

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

# PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the final Office Action dated November 19, 2003 for one (1) month from February 19, 2004 to March 19, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our

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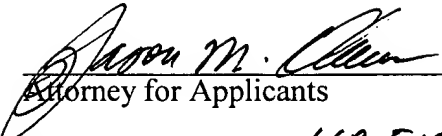
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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